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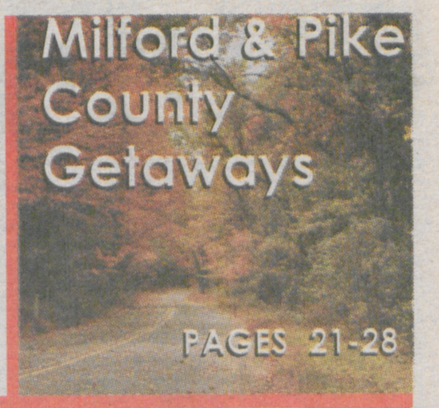

In giving we receive

Harrisburg MCC Volunteers Aid Katrina Families

By Sharon Muzio
Owner of Alta
View Wellness Center

What do you get when you pack 11 people into a vehicle, equipped with tools, building materials, monetary donations and a strong desire to help? And they head to devastated New Orleans, Louisiana for a seven day "Work Camp"?

You make a difference.

Last spring, a group of 11 volunteers departed The MCC Church of the Spirit in uptown Harrisburg for New Orleans. They made a definite impression as they helped with the Katrina clean up effort.

Their trek began after MMC Pastor Eva O'Diam was moved by the testimony of Reverend Dexter Brecht, himself an MCC pastor in New Orleans. They were together in in Washington, D.C. O'Diam headed back to her congregation in Harrisburg, asking if anyone would be interested in helping.

Next thing you know, O'Diam had recruited 10 volunteers: Norm Drescher, Jane Brickley, Arlene Taylor, Lisa Crumlich, Judy Ruppert, Carol Mouzon, Danaca Clark, Patty Stetler and her 14 year old daughter Ruth, and O'Diam's life partner, Mary Kelly.

According to Stetler, "Danaca Clark took over as 'the brains of the operation' by coordinating the effort." Clark worked with Robert Turner, a New Orleans MCC coordinator, to organize equipment needed by the group for their work.

With donations from O'Diam's MMC chapter, Northern York Middle School, and Home Depot, the group was able to cover all trip expenses. They left Harrisburg fired up to help three families looking forward to their arrival. The volunteers quickly learned that the help they were offering was as much a blessing for them as it was for the three families.

Turner was able to arrange

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Pride Parade: 13+ Units March Forward

With at least one marching unit for every block in the parade, central Pennsylvania's 1st Gay Pride Parade launches Saturday, July 29, 10am from the corner of Harrisburg's North Street and North Front Street.

Interested groups or individuals may contact www.centralpagaypride parade.org.

This year, Pride kicks off Friday, July 28 with dual events. Harrisburg Men's Chorus presents "Voices United" at Theatre Harrisburg's 6th & Hurlock Street facility. The chorus is joined by Central PA Womyn's Chorus, Choir of MCC of the Spirit, Unisingers of the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg, and the Lehigh Valley Gay Men's Chorus. Tickets are $15. All proceeds benefit Central PA Gay Pride Parade. Phone: 717.232.5501.

Also on July 28 at Harrisburg's Riverfront Park is a return of last year's popular "Studio 54 along the Susquehanna" with DJ Frankie.

"The glbt community in central Pennsylvania has some awesome groups working to better our community," says parade

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Members to Preview Club XS

HRC Official Briefs BAGAL

At its May meeting, glbtq business people from Harrisburg, York and Lancaster heard Samir Luther, Workplace Project Manager from the Human Rights Campaign (HRC).

Luther described his work gathering and reporting information on gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender-inclusive workplace policies and benefit costs. "We work directly with major

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Why DINE OUT Matters

When a woman with AIDS was short on cash, low on food and needed help, she called central Pennsylvania's AIDS Community Alliance. "They made sure I had food to eat," she whispers. ACA coordinates services with Loves of Love, a food kitchen.

"I needed help getting a prescription filled. I didn't have enough money," explains a man. He was once homeless but with ACA's help he's living in his own small apartment. "Without their financial help, who knows how long it would have taken me to scrounge up the bucks," he says. His prescription medicine was for an antibiotic drug

South Central PA DINE-OUT

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Green Party Endorses 8 New Candidates

The Green Party of Pennsylvania (GPPA) formally endorsed eight more candidates for state government offices in 2006.

For Representative in the General Assembly, GPPA endorsed Tim Reim in District 3, Christopher Irvin in District 88, Damon Tritle in District 89, Eric Wolfe in District 101, Dodie Lovett in District 108,

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Stonewall Democrats Making Headlines

Local glbt support for US senate candidate Robert Casey makes news in region and New York city, according to media reports.

The Capital Region Stonewall Democrats made news outside the region and the state with

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Does the Pope Wear Prada?

By Frank Pizzoli, Publisher

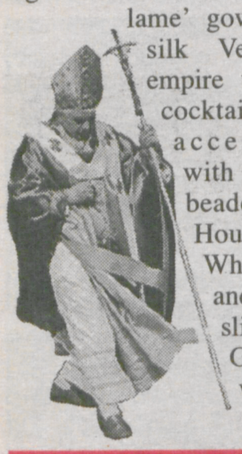
She would, wouldn't she? It'd be just like her to wail on homos and then imitate us.

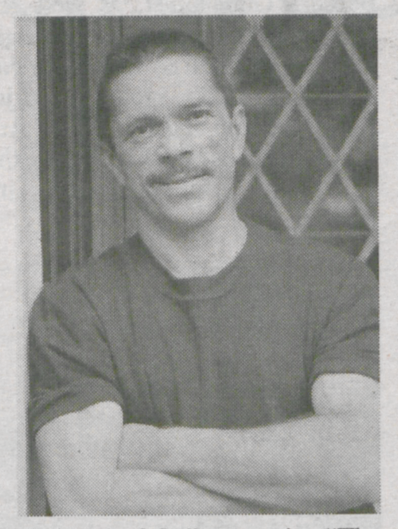
Queer Eye for Clergy? Pope-erazzi recently photographed Pope Benedict XVI wearing Serengeti sunglasses and Geox walking shoes. She has a specially engraved iPod.

Pope watchers were atwitter when Christ's representative on Earth wore a pair of stylish red loafers from Prada.

Our Pope is a "product placement" opportunity. Seems to AC the Holy Sea is adrift. We thought the Pope endorsed holiness and chastity, but not products.

Imagine the man in the picture - wearing a fabulous vintage chiffon-lined Dior gold lame' gown over a silk Vera Wang empire waist tulle cocktail dress, accessorized with a 3-foot beaded peaked House of Whoville hat, and the ruby slippers Judy Garland wore in the "Wizard of Oz" – worries "The Da Vinci Code" makes his church look foolish.





Meanwhile, in a misanthropic mean streak the Vatican Pontifical Council for the Family steadfastly clings to its "no condom" code, even in Africa where HIV kills millions. AC supposes that in order to maintain control over vulnerable Third World people, the Vatican must first create the misery it later rushes in to sooth. Africa's first post-colonial leader Kwame Nkruma said it best: "Colonialism means that when you first came here, we had the land and you had the bibles. And when you left, you had the land and we had the bibles."

Letters to the Editor

Refreshing

Dear Editor,

It's so refreshing to work with a publication that actually takes steps towards new and creative pieces - just one more reason why we love Alternative Central. Deciding to establish a relationship with your newspaper was a terrific decision for us, something we're really proud of. It's been a pleasure working together and Kristen has been absolutely wonderful.

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Many Interests

Dear Editor,

Thank you for including stories on a range of topics – not just gay stuff. We're a broad, diverse, community with many interests.

Nelson, a Subscriber

Lesbian DVDs

Dear Editor,

I'm really liking all the lesbian DVDs you've been reviewing. It's hard to find out about what's going on the world of women's movies. I even bought a few.

Missy

Faithful Buyer

Dear Editor,

How about more stories on companies, local, national, whatever, that support our community. I like to buy their products when I can.

Jack

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used to treat a common opportunistic infection often experienced by people with HIV and/or AIDS. His drug plan didn't cover the medicine, yet he still needed the pills. Infections such as his can be life-threatening to a person with HIV/AIDS. Because HIV attacks the immune system, HIV patients do not easily fight off infections.

In an effort to raise much-needed funds to cover what state and federally-funded programs do not or cannot cover, more than 50 of the region's restaurants participate in ACA's annual DINE OUT. The event is Wednesday, September 27, beginning at 5pm. 25 percent of each participating restaurant's receipts are donated to ACA. "I'm so grateful that people go to Dine Out," says one recipient of ACA funds raised through the event.

ACA provides community-based, comprehensive HIV care, housing and education services to individuals, families, and communities impacted by HIV and AIDS. The organization serves Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Mifflin, and Perry Counties. For information on DINE OUT and other ACA events and programs, call 717-233-7190 or 800-867-1550; www.aca-pa.com.

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News page

New Batwoman is a lesbian

The new Batwoman is "a more unique personality than others in the Bat-family," says a DC Comics editor. Years after she first emerged from the Batcave, Batwoman is coming out of the closet.

DC Comics is resurrecting the classic comic book character as a lesbian, unveiling the new Batwoman this month as part of an ongoing weekly series that began this year. The 5-foot-10 superhero comes with flowing red hair, knee-high red boots with spiked heels, and a form-fitting black outfit.

"We decided to give her a different point of view," explained Dan DiDio, vice president and executive editor at DC. "We wanted to make her a more unique personality than others in the Bat-family. That's one of the reasons we went in this direction."

The original Batwoman was started in 1956, and killed off in 1979. The new character will share the same name as her original alter ego, Kathy Kane. And the new Batwoman arrives with ties to others in the Gotham City world.

State Rep. Buxton: Marriage Amendment Would Discriminate

State Rep. Ron Buxton, D-Dauphin, issued the following statement on a proposed state constitutional amendment that would ban same-sex marriage, civil unions and other legal recognition of unmarried same-sex and opposite-sex relationships: "I voted against this amendment because I believe the Pennsylvania Constitution was created to set limits on government, not to segregate or discriminate against specific citizens of this Commonwealth. A change in our constitution should reinforce our freedoms and protect our rights, and I feel this amendment would have a negative effect on each and every citizen of Pennsylvania regardless of age, race or sexual orientation. Our constitution should be a reflection of our civil rights, especially for the minority groups it was meant to protect."

Methodist Panel Passes 9 Pro-gay Measures

United Methodist delegates to the church's Annual Conference in Minnesota recently adopted nine petitions asking the church's top policy-making body to revoke the exclusion of gays and lesbians from church membership,ordination and marriage ceremonies.

The delegates, representing clergy and lay people across the state, also asked the United Methodist Church to add a statement to its book of policy saying, "Christians of good faith differ on what Christian teaching reveals regarding homosexuality."

Under the petition, the statement would replace one that now reads, "The United Methodist Church does not condone the practice of homosexuality and considers this practice incompatible with Christian teaching."The petitions are only advisory to the denomination's General Conference, the one group that can adopt policy for the wider church. The GeneralConference next meets in 2008.

Susan R. Fowler Elected to Board of Governors

Hershey Theatre's Susan R. Fowler recently was elected to serve on the Board of Governors of The League of American Theatres and Producers at their annual meeting in New York City. A graduate of Carnegie-Mellon University, Ms. Fowler has been Executive Director of Hershey Theatre since 1976, and has served on the Road Presenters Committee of The League for many years.

The League of American Theatres and Producers is comprised of theatre owners and operators, producers, presenters and general managers of Broadway and touring legitimate theatrical productions. Each year, the League and its members bring Broadway to nearly 25 million people in New York and cities across the US and Canada.

The League brings to Broadway fans these and other events and services: The Tony Awards, Broadway on Broadway when 50,000 Broadway fans gather in Times Square each fall for the official kick-off of the Broadway season, with performances from Broadway musicals; Broadway's Stars in the Alley, the annual celebration of the completion of the Broadway season in the spring, with performances in historic Shubert Alley, and Broadway Under the Stars, a free outdoor on the Great Lawn of Central Park.

Art Association Reprises Summer Soirees

The Art Association of Harrisburg will reprise the popular "SUMMER SOIREES" again with four innovative meet-the-artist events hosted at various venues in July and August.

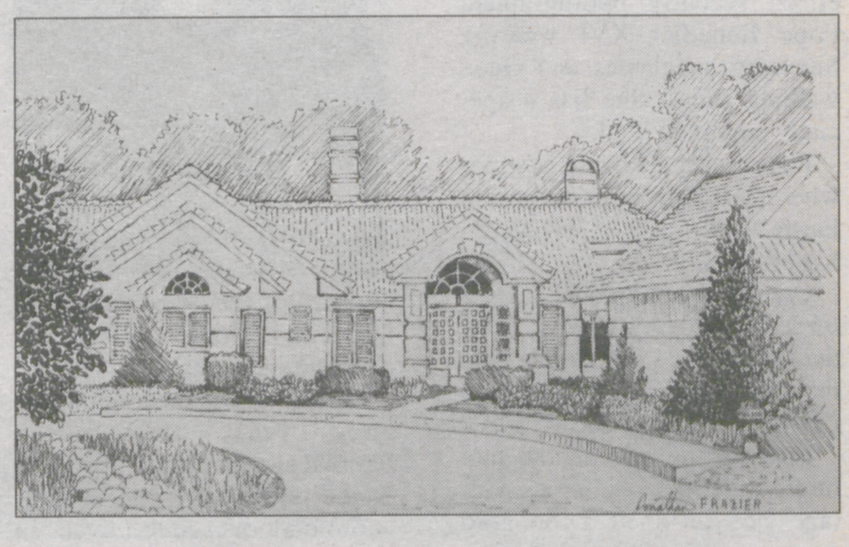
"BLACK AND WHITE ON GREEN" leads off the series July 8 with a party from 5 to 8 PM hosted by James Cowden at his Green Street home in Harrisburg, showcasing the drawings of acclaimed artist Michael Allen. Allen holds his MFA from the University of Delaware and his BFA from Kutztown University, has many exhibitions to his credit and is well known throughout the Mid-Atlantic region for his landscapes and cityscapes, both in charcoal and oils. $30 advance and $35 at the door. Ticket includes heavy hors d'ouevres, libations, live music.

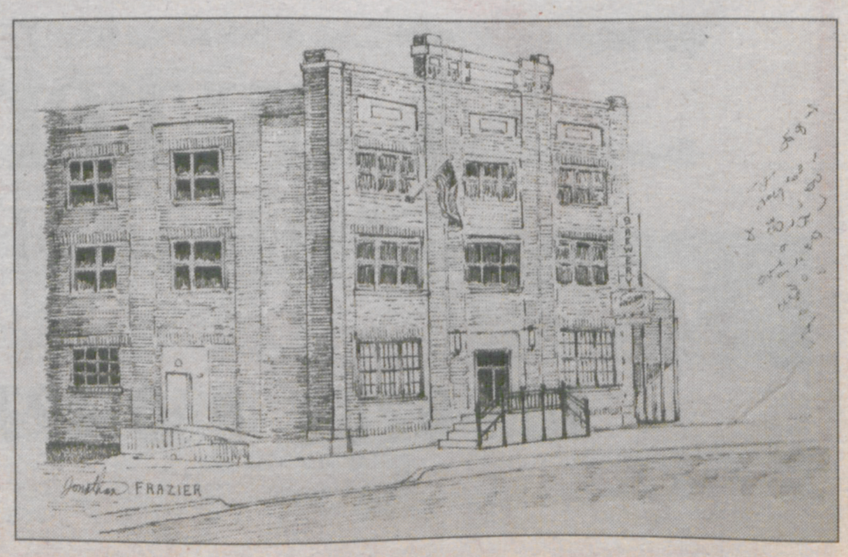
"8 AT ABC" is an exception to the usual Soirees. Eight emerging artists will exhibit and sell works at Appalachian Brewery ,50 North Cameron Street, 6- 9 PM, July 21. Cover charge $10. Organized by AAH Gallery Assistant Bryan Molloy, this cutting edge event will include works by Molloy, Jared Levine, David Wallace, James Kraibel, Walter Diehl, Kelley Aldridge, Todd Geiger, and Kathy Landes. Cover includes food , beer, live music, great art.

"APPLES AND ABSTRACTS ON MARKET" August 12, 5- 8 PM hosted by Chuck and Milissa Barrack. Offers unique combination of abstract paintings by Mary Lundeen and still-lifes by William Kocher. Both are AAH instructors. Their work is highly-collectable throughout the region. Kocher will just be returning from a month-long painting expedition to England. In the Barricks' city home near Reservoir Park, Market Street, Harrisburg. Cost $30 in advance. $35 at the door. Includes heavy hors d'ouevres, assorted beverages.

Closing the series is "CROQUET, HATS AND SPATS," hosted by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Meloni at their Mediterranean-style home on Berkshire Lane, Harrisburg, August 19, 6-8 PM. This garden party will delight with the watercolors of Erna Tunno and the elegant beaded jewelry of Barbara Gutenkunst, as well as croquet on the lawn. Guests are encouraged to wear hats (although the hosts acknowledge that "spats" are a bit difficult to find these days). Besides Red-Door-catered hors d'ouevres, drinks, great art and jewelry, the evening includes jazz by Katie Rudolph and Jim Miller. Advance reservations $30. $35 day of.

All proceeds benefit AAH's exhibition and education programs. Call 717-236-1432 for reservations, information, or see www.artassocofh-bg.com.





A Question of Censorship

by Debra Miller*

After having been informed about one reader's negative response to the obscenity-filled cartoon by Dave Ryan—with a very serious message about anger and communication—in the May-June 2006 issue of Inferno, I posed the following question to some of my well-known friends and colleagues in the visual, performing, and literary arts, and got an interesting variety of responses—some political and serious, some witty or tongue-in-cheek, but all thought-provoking.

Personally, I'm 100% in favor of censorship; aside from dying, being censored is the single best career move an artist can make. Suddenly everyone is talking about your work, going to your shows, defending your rights—you couldn't buy that much press or attention. Your prices skyrocket, attendance at your shows is through the roof, and you're the new cause célèbre. You feel challenged and inspired to outdo yourself next time, your creativity and motivation are at an all-time high.

Andy Warhol was thrilled when his underground epic The Chelsea Girls was raided and the film reels seized by police during a screening in Boston in 1967, as it meant that he would be able to advertise the film as "'banned in Boston' . . . traditionally a publicist's dream"! Twenty-three years later, in 1990, censorship did wonders for the renown of Robert Mapplethorpe and Andres Serrano, as well—everyone knows their names, their talent, and their censored works (The XYZ Portfolio and Piss Christ). But who remembers the names of the censors and critics who condemned them?

And we must remember that our contemporary censored artists are all in good company; anyone who visits the restored Sistine Chapel in Rome can still see the draperies that were added onto Michelangelo's fresco of The Last Judgment (1534-41) by order of the Vatican, to cover the genitals and breasts of his originally all-nude figures. Twentieth-century conservators decided to leave the overpaint as a lesson in the history of art criticism and censorship, from which even the greatest Old Masters were not exempt. Apparently, in 2006, the lesson remains unlearned.

QUESTION: Is there any benefit to, or justification for, censorship of the arts in America in 2006?

Rick Armstrong is the Communications Manager and Brand Manager of the Warhol Museum in Pittsburgh.

"No. An example: a 'family-friendly' TV network in Pittsburgh decided to withdraw its sponsorship of our current exhibition of contemporary female artists at the Warhol so that its viewers wouldn't be offended. The show is called The 'F' Word—the 'F' standing for 'female,' 'feminine,' or 'feminist!'"

Blake Boyd is a Neo-Pop artist based in New Orleans and represented by the Arthur Roger Gallery.

"It's amazing to me that in 2006, censorship is still an issue in a 'free' country."

David Foss is an artist and Director of Da Vinci Art Alliance, Philadelphia.

"Under some circumstances—but I don't know who should be the censor. It depends on each individual case. There are some topics that deserve monitoring, such as inflammatory or harmful subjects that target a specific group. It depends on the content, but there are certain limits to artistic expression in a public forum, especially if there is any intent of hatred or bigotry involved."

J. Susan Isaacs is a Professor of Art History at Towson University in Maryland, and serves as Adjunct Curator for the Delaware Center for the Contemporary Arts in Wilmington.

"When you work for a contemporary arts institution or for a university, as I do, you think about censorship. I often wonder if I am self-censoring in what I discuss in my classes or in the exhibitions that I choose to curate. I try not to set such limits, but censorship can be an insidious creeping thing that takes over without even really realizing it. It is not always a pitched battle. Advertisers, sponsors, granting institutions, parents, and audiences all shape what is presented. I imagine the question is to what extent do they establish even unspoken guidelines? This is a topic in which my students are very interested and which has emerged through discussion in my classes on contemporary art."

Carl B. Johnson is an artist based in Millville, NJ, and the publisher and editor of Inferno arts newspaper.

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On Censorship from Region's Art Diva Carrie Wissler-Thomas

"Yes, I certainly have encountered some notable censorship occurrences during my 20-year tenure as Executive Director/President of the Art Association of Harrisburg. When I first began here in 1986, we installed a marvelous exhibition of large figurative pieces by the Philadelphia artist Larry Stearns. His pieces were semi-nude male figures posed in front of large segments of famous paintings in the background.

A board member strongly objected and demanded I remove the exhibition because he "didn't want his wife and daughters to see such work"! The exhibition chairman and I refused. We weathered the controversy that ensued. People in the community commented on our brave stand for several years afterwards.

Then, there was the censorship of Quentin Walters' coloring books for kids called "Colour the Burg." The illustrations depicted whimsical floating animals over the Harrisburg skyline: a Welcome Wagon husband deemed the books "satanic" and burned several cartons that Quentin had donated to the organization to give to new area families. When I found out about the incident, I called Patriot News art writer Sandy Cullen, who wrote a great expose' of the fiasco. Quentin was quoted as saying, "I don't even know what "satanic" means!" I stood up for her, and she brought her remaining books to the AAH Sales Gallery, where they sold like hotcakes.

I will state emphatically that the AAH does NOT believe in censorship. In the shows installed in our building, we will show what our artists submit for exhibitions, if the subject fits the theme of the show, or is consistent with the slides submitted and accepted for the show. However, with our community exhibitions, we tell our artists upfront that no nudes or controversial subjects are appropriate. These shows are mounted in businesses or other venues that AAH does not own. They are extensions of our Sales Gallery and must be appropriate to the space. This is not censorship, but rather the professional acknowledgement of displaying art in someone else's space. One must choose one's battles, and showing nudes at the Courthouse or Whitaker Centre is not sensible nor good business practice. Common sense must be used at all times.

Carrie Wissler-Thomas

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All you have to do is pick a participating restaurant—an old favorite or one that's entirely new—and invite your friends and family along. Some restaurants will not require reservations, but many will be packed, so plan ahead. Make your reservation for anytime after 5:00 pm until close on September 27, 2006.

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Pride Festival of Central PA 2006

Words from the Chair

THE POWER OF UNITY

I extend an invitation to you and the entire LGBT community and our allies to join us along the banks of the Susquehanna on July 28th and 29th for a weekend that will not be forgotten. The Central PA Pride Committee and I are honored to again bring to you another festival that will make our collective hearts soar and spirits rise! Prepare yourself for a weekend that will demonstrate our unity, bolster our sense of camaraderie, and give us the strength and confidence to make a difference and have our voices heard.

An abundance of gratitude is extended to our countless volunteers, entertainers and individual and organizational donors. This event would not be possible without your selfless donation of time, skills, resources and funds and is much appreciated. Many thanks are also in order to both the new and returning one hundred plus food, merchandise and informational vendors who will be joining us in picturesque River Front Park.

Please be sure to visit our website at www.harrisburgpride.org for additional Festival and Pre-Pride event details. You can also learn how you too, can participate by becoming a volunteer, sponsor or vendor.

2006 will be a banner year for PrideFest: a wonderful array of vendors, a hot line up of entertainment and it is an honor for us to announce that Front Street will be the venue for Central PA's first Pride parade! My, how we have grown…

Feel the power of unity and experience the breadth and diversity of our community!

Join us for Central PA PrideFest 2006!

Blessings,
Kirk Baney
PrideFest Chair

FRIDAY JULY 28TH

PrideFest's 2nd Annual Friday Nite Pre-Pride Dance Party July 28th at 7pm - 11pm

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The Choir of MCC Vision of Hope
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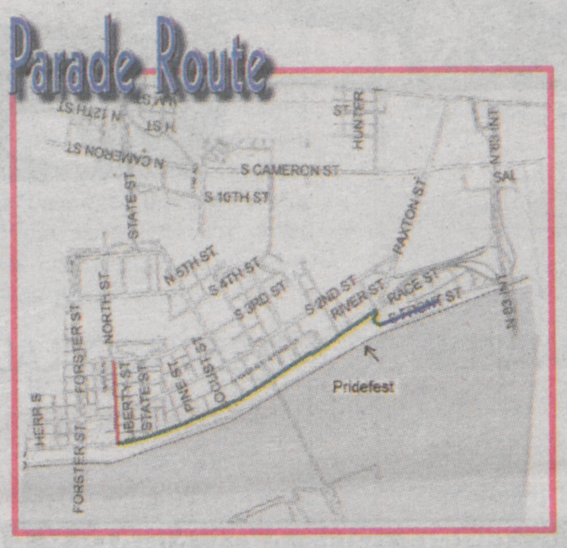
SATURDAY JULY 29TH

CENTRAL PA PRIDEFEST'S UNITY PARADE 2006

Come and join us for Central Pennsylvania's very first Gay Pride Parade!

"You've watched us grow and been there for us.
We've watched you grow and been there for you.
We now need to continue to grow and be there for each other.
Proudly march down Front Street with us!
Untapped strength lies in our community's unification.
We all share common goals and common struggles.
*Believe and Feel in the **Power of Unity!**"*
-Kirk Baney



Pre-Staging Area:
On North Street between 3rd and Front.

Parade Route:
The Parade will launch at North and North Front Streets and will proceed for 13 blocks ending at Vine and South Front Street.

Post-Staging Area:
The parade will disband on South Front Street next to the Comfort Inn.

Winding its way down scenic Front Steet. The parade will feature GLBT groups, businesses, organizations and our allies from all over Central PA. Join us for a beautiful day by the river, starting 10 am Saturday, July 29th 2006. Share in this great chance to help promote unity among our diverse community.

The 16th Annual Pride Festival of Central PA

ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

10:00 am **Central PA's 1st Ever Gay Pride Parade!**

11:15 am **Star Spangled Banner & Pride Committee Opening Remarks**

11:30 am **Andy Moore**

12:15 am **Eric Himan & Andy Moore**

1:00 pm **Female Illusionist Performances - I**

2:00 pm **Natalie Darkes**

3:00 pm **Female Illusionist Performances - II**

4:00 pm **Josh Zuckerman**

5:00 pm **Female Illusionist Performances - III**

6:00 pm **Niki Harris - Headlining Dance Diva**

7:00 pm **Closing Remarks**

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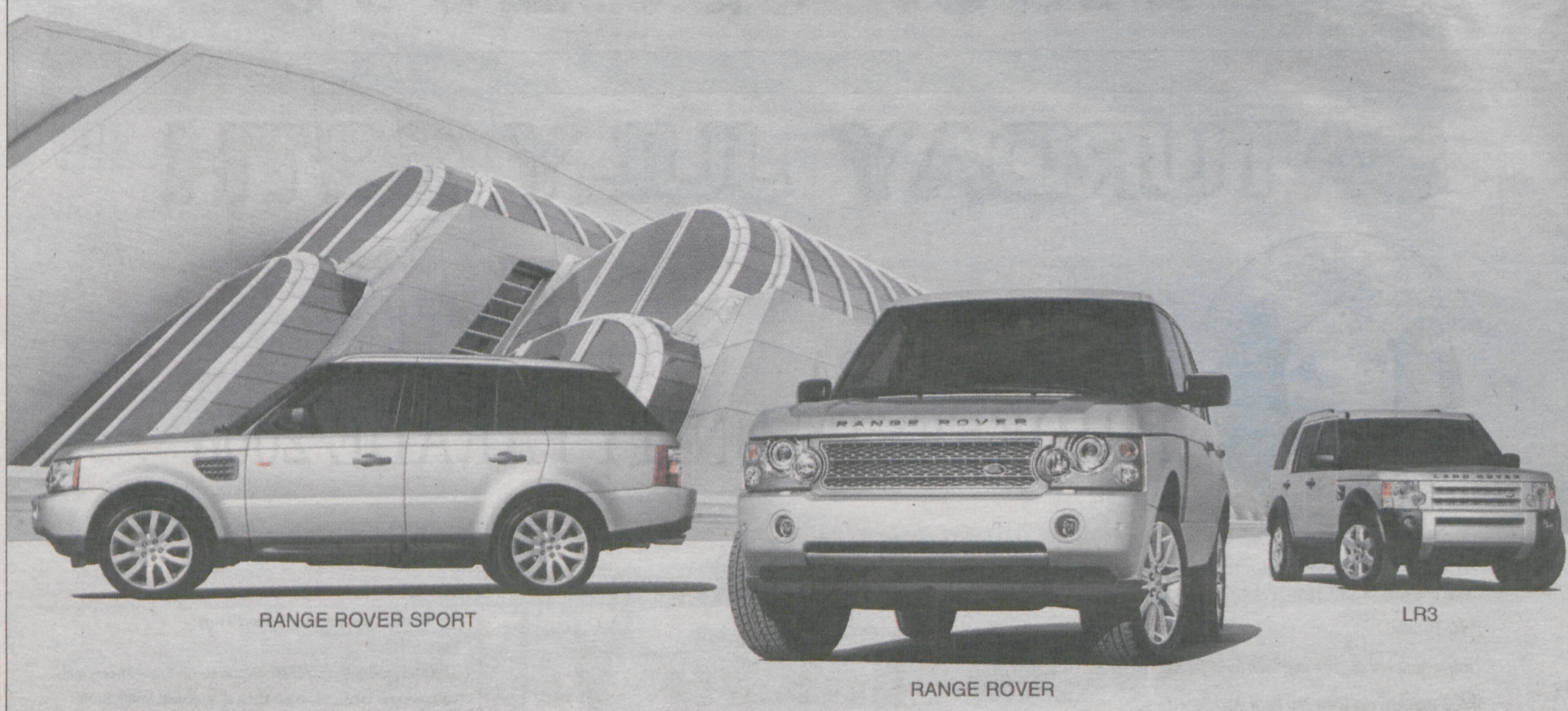

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You Asked. We Responded. Now Join Us!

By Shane Thomas

June not only ushers in summer (who doesn't like shirtless boys at poolside and at the beach!), but also the start of Pride season and the opportunity for all of us to celebrate being lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender – in other words, ourselves!

At last year's Central PA Pridefest, 30Below made its entrance onto the gay and bi men's scene in our region. At that time, we asked a simple question – what are you looking for in a community?

Some of us are perfectly happy meeting guys the old-fashioned way. Or the new-fashioned way: over our keyboards on the World Wide Web. But others are left with a feeling that there must be more, maybe even a whole lot more.

With your thoughts and ideas in hand – quite literally – we started our journey working to create a safe, welcoming, gay-positive environment for young gay and bisexual men in our region. We've only just started but already the gay community in south central Pennsylvania feels a whole lot healthier and it's going to get better.

Rock climbing one day, Will & Grace the next, our activities are as diverse as our members. With each new member our community grows stronger, healthier and prouder. Together, in 30Below, we determine our own path; we build our own community. Together, we embrace who we are and also have one another to lean upon for support and friendship in what can be a challenging world.

Being together makes all the difference.

Join us for our next fun and healthy activity - we'll be building our Pridefest display (and our community) on Thursday, July 13 at 7 p.m. Will we be gluing sequins or making masks this year? Join us and find out. For details regarding that evening and for more on 30Below, please call 717-215-8437 or email us at thirtybelow@gmail.com.

Be sure to look for us at Pridefest again this year!

Green Party continued

and Katrina Heycock in District 199.

For Senator in the General Assembly, the group endorsed Michael Hoffman in District 10 and Ed Gately in District 28.

GPPA's slate now includes one candidate for Governor, one candidate for Lt. Governor, one candidate for US Senate, four candidates for US Congress, two candidates for senator in Pennsylvania's General Assembly, and twelve candidates for Representative in the state's General Assembly.

In February, Marakay Rogers, Christina Valente, and Carl Romanelli received GPPA's endorsement for the offices of Governor, Lt. Governor, and US Senator, respectively. Contact: Chris Irvin, Cumberland County Green Party Committee Chair, 717-731-7285.

BAGAL continued

corporations to implement GLBT-inclusive policies," Luther said.

Working in Washington, DC, Luther's office is also responsible for managing the annual Corporate Equality Index survey, the Human Rights Campaign's tool for rating large employers for inclusiveness.

"Human resources professionals and benefits administrators are interested in our work largely because it helps in the recruitment and retention of high-quality employees.

Employees feel more secure in their jobs knowing that gender and orientation issues are not a problem for their employer. As a result, they are more willing to make a longer term commitment to the company," Luther said. He also noted that the number of Fortune 100 companies that rate highly on HRC's index is increasing at an encouraging rate.

Luther's office is also responsible for briefing congressional staffers on the latest trends in employer policies relating to glbt employees. While he remained optimistic about equality. progress in the workplace, Luther cautioned that the current climate in Washington still poses serious challenges for attaining true workplace equality.

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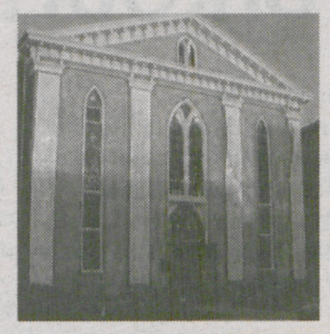

"Gallery Saturday" July 22nd, 7pm to 10pm.

1st Floor Featured Artist: Edward J. Webber
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"Gallery Saturday" August 19th, 7pm to 10pm.
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July

1st- Happy Birthday Richi, Robert & Midge - party starts at 700 P.M. till ???

Food, fun and surprises ...(make the names stand out so that it looks really cool ... thank you ...)

12th - One night only - Biscuit's Bingo Returns - 7 P.M. till ??? Faboo prizes.

28th & 29th - Gay pride weekend - come out and celebrate with your friends at the 704 Strawberry. Drink specials all weekend. Doors open at noon.

August

13th - kick off show for the 4th annual kids Christmas season.... this year's goal is to make a difference in 5 children's lives. Show time is 9 P.M.-ish with the girls of the berry and special guests.

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Men's Health
by Chuck Fields, C5 Fitness

What's Your Best Workout?

By Chuck Fields

Along with being a Director of Fitness at C5 fitness, I also train personal trainers and run fitness workshops for the general public. A question that's constantly asked in workshops: "What is the best workout for me?"

The answer is twofold.

First - The best workout is one you like, look forward to and will continue to use.

Your workout program will be short-lived and not too successful if you're not having fun. You don't want to use a workout program you start to dread.

Second - The second part of the answer is more technical. A well-rounded program includes 4 components:

Cardiovascular/Aerobic Training – Stressing and strengthening the heart, lungs and circulatory system. This is accomplished though, jogging, biking, skating, stair climbing, group exercise class; whichever one you prefer.

Resistance Training – Stressing the muscles under tension which includes muscles, tendons, ligaments, and bones, yes bones. A full-body program on exercise machines, barbells and dumbbells is the answer here.

Flexibility training – Stretching and lengthening muscles to help maintain good balance, your normal range of motion, not to mention helping the muscles repair and get stronger.

Sensible eating habits. Not one or two huge meals, but the recommended 3 to 6 smaller well-balanced males.

Including each one of these components insures a results-oriented path to success in achieving health and wellness.

Pride Parade continued

organizer Dan Stroup. "What better way than a parade to showcase these groups?" Stroup asks.

With the list growing, participating in the parade: Strawberry Café, Unitarian Church of Harrisburg, Lambda Car Club, Harrisburg Men's Chorus, Common Roads, Rainbow Rollers, Vission of Hope MCC, Planned Parenthood of the Susquehanna Valley, Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays of Central PA, Open Door MCC, Harrisburg MCC of the Spirit, Bikers United, Alternative Central, and Gay & Lesbian Switchboard of Harrisburg.

Buy a Rainbow Campaign

Between now and Throughout Pride month, show your true colors in our annual Buy-A-Rainbow Campaign. Proceeds benefit PrideFest 2006 and GLSH. Buy your Rainbow card at your favorite hang-out: Altland's Ranch, Neptune's Lounge, Stonewall, Tally-Ho, Club Z, 704 Strawberry, Pink Lizard, Countryside Inn, Brownstone, and Stallions. All proceeds benefit Pride.

Silent Witnesses Again

Silent Witnesses have been part of central Pennsylvania glbt events for several years. They act as a "human spiritual firewall" between glbt folks and those individuals who believe they are an abomination.

This 250-strong, dedicated group of activists have been trained to deal with hate-mongers. Because street preachers and other vicious protestors have a long history of picketing, antagonizing and subsequently suing various individuals and organizations, Silent Witnesses stand ready to prevent confrontations while welcoming and supporting glbt participants to the event they are attending.

This year Silent Witnesses will be working for a "zero arrest count" at PrideFest. Volunteers will be clearly identified as PrideFest Silent Witnesses, and will be working at both North and South festival entrances, as well as patrolling the fence within the festival grounds. They will be acting as escorts for those who feel nervous about approaching the festival or walking past protestors.

BAGAL continued

Preview York's Club XS

The July 19th meeting of BAGAL will be more social, less meeting. We will be at the new Club XS in York. The club will not yet be open to the public, so we will get a preview tour. BAGAL will provide appetizers and beverages for our members. The meeting will be 7:00-9:00 PM.

The new club will be a state of the art high energy gay dance venue and hopes to be open by the end of July. It is located in the site of the former Velvet Rope at 36 West 11th Avenue.

BAGAL is a South Central Pennsylvania Association of Lesbian and Gay professional and business people and their allied friends that offers opportunities for business networking, and social and community service. Meetings are held bi-monthly. For more information, contact Russell Boggs at russhbg@earthlink.net.

"THE WAY I SEE IT, OUR CELEBRATION OF GAY PRIDE PROVIDES A VALUABLE NATIONAL SERVICE. FOR ONE MONTH EVERY YEAR, WE LURE THESE IDIOTS AWAY FROM MILITARY FUNERALS."

Censorship continued

"Censorship is usurping control over another person's freedom to choose, born out of the fear that he or she will not make the 'correct' choice."

Karey Maurice is a Trenton-based painter and performance artist, who appears monthly at SOB's in New York. He was an assistant to Keith Haring at the Pop Shop in the 1980s.

"Censorship just stalls everything that the artist tries to produce through a creative process. You need to follow the whole process to understand the artist's motivation and intention, not just censor the final product."

Charles McMahon is an actor and director. He is the co-founder and Artistic Director of Lantern Theater Company in Philadelphia.

"No, there is no benefit to censorship, but there is some benefit to good taste! It shouldn't be compulsory, but there's censorship, and then there's editing . . ."

Frank Pizzoli is a writer and HIV/AIDS activist whose work appears nationally in Instinct, QSyndicate, and POZ. He is publisher and editor of Alternative Central in Harrisburg, PA.

"The problem with censorship is: Who censures the censor? Obscene or offensive is as much in the eye of the beholder and is beauty. That said, each art venue—periodicals, museums, galleries—all must have a clear sense of its mission. Once a mission is established, then encountering a single or small group of "objectors" to an artistic venue's goals prompts a decision. Does an art venue or publication alter its mission in order to keep dollars flowing? Likewise, if an advertiser encounters a venue that promotes what it perceives to be against its business goals, it must also make a decision. Remember, just as publishers have the unequivocal right to refuse any ad, advertisers also have the right not advertise in a publication, or to support an art venue, that doesn't reflect or advance its business goal. Even with a signed advertising contract, case law pretty much recognizes that the freedom to make these choices is a two-way street and does not automatically view the scenario as one of 'censoreship.' In the United States of Amnesia, money, including advertising dollars, is free speech. That said, censoreship serves no good purpose, but neither does forced consumption or coerced support in the private sector. If you don't like it, don't look at it."

"I think another important distinction to draw is the difference between "public" and "private," i.e., does Rudy Giuliani have the right to de-fund BAM [the Brooklyn Art Museum] because he or his constituents object to the use of public funds to show a Madonna in a way some found objectionable; or, even if he could care less, he finds that it's politically expedient. I'm sure if John Rockefeller IV wanted to show cow shit in a pile, he could, because it's his money."

Sur Rodney (Sur) is an independent curator and archivist in New York City.

"As long as the education system in the U.S. continues to ignore world history as part of its curriculum, there will always be a will for censorship in the arts."

Madalen Warhola is the niece of Pop artist Andy Warhol. She is a silkscreen and folk artist, and the creator and proprietor of WarholaWear and Warhola Designs.

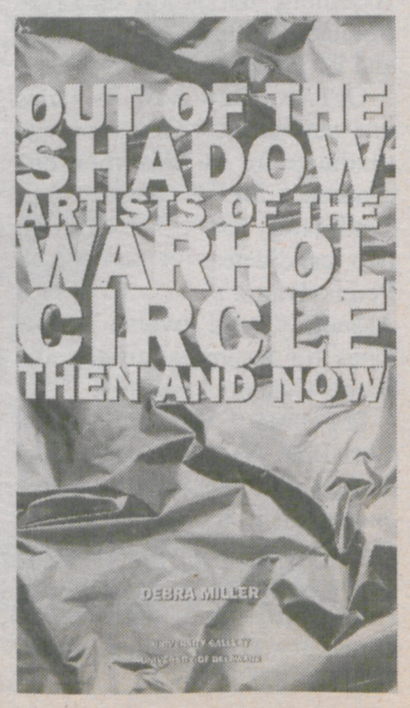
"'Censorship' shouldn't even be a vocabulary word."

*This article was first written for Inferno arts newspaper, Millville, NJ. It is reprinted here with the consent of the author Debra Miller, and Inferno's publisher and editor, Carl B. Johnson.

Debra Miller Biography

Debra Miller received her Ph.D. in Art History from the University of Delaware, with a specialization in Northern and Italian Renaissance, Baroque, and American Art. Her teaching experience is extensive, including undergraduate, graduate, and study abroad courses for the University of Delaware, Bryn Mawr College, and presently, Rutgers University-Camden and Hussian School of Art in Philadelphia. In addition to her classes in European and American Art, Professor Miller also offers topics in Cross-Cultural Art History (Pre-Columbian, Native American, and Polynesian Art).

Former Director of Gallery 911 @ Revsin, 911 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Dr. Miller serves on the Board of Directors of Da Vinci Art Alliance in South Philadelphia. She maintains an active schedule of curating and jurying exhibitions there and at venues throughout the world. Dr. Miller has received grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Kress Foundation, the American Philosophical Society, and the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, among others.



Theatre Roundup

Lightning-fast Farce At Totem Pole

"A rollicking comedy set in the dark ages" is how Wil Love, Associate Artistic Director of Totem Pole Playhouse, describes Incorruptible, playing July 5-16. The play is by Pennsylvania playwright Michael Hollinger.

"We've never mounted a show quite like Incorruptible," says play director Love, "And perhaps that is because there is no show quite like Incorruptible. What other play takes place in a remote monastery in the Dark Ages and is still outrageously funny? Our audiences are in for a real treat!"

Incorruptible takes place in Priseaux, France in about 1250 A.D. where the brothers of the local monastery confront a great challenge: Saint Foy, their Patron Saint, hasn't worked a miracle in thirteen years and the pilgrims have stopped coming. All seems lost until the arrival of a one-eyed minstrel who is inspired to save the day. Suddenly, miracles abound in this physical and verbal romp through the Dark Ages.

The show boasts an all star Totem Pole company headlined by company member Ray Ficca, currently on stage in the thriller, I'll Be Back Before Midnight!," and Katrina Yaukey who is returning to the Playhouse after starring on Broadway in the recent revival of Cabaret.

Information:
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Gamut Theatre

The next show at the Popcorn Hat Players Children's Theatre is The Golden Goose. Ned and his magic golden goose save the princess along with a lively cast of characters, including some audience members! You can't always get what you want... but if you try sometimes, you just might find, you get what you need!

The Golden Goose

July 5 through July 22
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The following show will be the fairytale classic Three Billygoats Gruff, August 2 through August 26

Kind regards,
Alexis Dow Public Relations Director
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Open Stage of Harrisburg to Hold Auditions for "The Guys"

Open Stage of Harrisburg will hold open auditions for THE GUYS by Anne Nelson on July 17 and 18 at 6 p. m. Needed are one woman in her mid-40s to mid-50s and one man in his mid 40s to late 50s. Joan is a journalist who is neither cold nor weepy and who uses irony as a defense. This irony is slowly worn down, allowing her to experience her emotions directly. Nick is a firefighter – blue-collar through and through – who is uncomfortable using language even as savors it and the humor that often lies beneath. He obviously has powers of expression, but is reticent to use them, so every word he says counts. Nothing is muffled or mumbled.

Actors will be asked to read from the script. They should call 717-214-3251 to make an audition appointment and to make arrangements to read the audition sides. Auditions will be held at theatre which is located on the street level of the Walnut Street Garage in downtown Harrisburg. Rehearsals will begin July 25 and the show will run Thursdays through Sundays, September 15 through October 8.

THE GUYS tells the story of a NYFD captain who was off-duty at the time of the 9/11 attacks. He has lost his entire unit and is asked to give the eulogy at their memorial service. Unable to come to terms with what happened, he is at a loss for words. He turns to Joan, a newspaper reporter originally from Oklahoma, who wants to help but feels powerless faced with the enormity of what has happened. Thrown together to write the eulogy, they eventually find a catharsis for what has happened.

Open Stage is located on the street level of the Walnut Street Garage in downtown Harrisburg. Open Stage of Harrisburg is a Constituent of Theatre Communications Group (TAG), the national organization for American theatre.

York Little Theatre Announces Guest Artists For 2006-2007 Season

Every year, York Little Theatre employs Guest Artists to direct six of the eleven productions mounted within a season. Guest Artists include Directors, Musical Directors and Choreographers who work directly with the YLT Artistic Director, Technical Director, Costume Coordinator and Staff to create the magic of a live-theatre event. These Guest Artists range from local community professionals (Optometrists, Lawyers, Teachers, etc) to members of the professional theatre community.

The Guest Directors for each show in our 2006-2007 season will appear as follows:

THE MUSICAL COMEDY MURDERS OF 1940	Eric Bradley Long (YLT Art. Dir.)
THE WHITE PEBBLE LIBRARY	Maria Hayner
KISS ME, KATE	Joe Durika Jessica Nupponen (Musical Dir.) Priscilla Brown (Choreographer)
MADELINE'S CHRISTMAS	Eric Bradley Long
PICASSO AT THE LAPIN AGILE	Victoria Schneider
TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD	Walt MacPherson
WIT	Eric Bradley Long
THE JUNGLE BOOK	Wayne Mundis
LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS	Eric Bradley Long Charlie Beard (Musical Dir.) Kim Crone-Smith (Choreographer)
PA ORIGINAL PLAY	Tony Elliot
WEST SIDE STORY	Eric Bradley Long Beverly Elder Spangler (Mus. Dir.) Kim Crone-Smith (Choreographer)

Individuals interested in applying for the position of a Guest Director for our 2007-2008 Season can submit a current resume and letter of interest to the following address:
Eric Bradley Long, Artistic Director; York Little Theatre; 27 S. Belmont St; York, PA 17403
Or email to eric@ylt.org

York Little Theatre exists to foster the creative art of live theatre through performances, educational programs and outreach. All community members are invited and encouraged to participate in any and all aspects of theatrical production.

York Little Theatre is located at 27 South Belmont Street, York, PA, at exit 19A of I-83, just south of Market Street. YLT is a member of the Cultural Alliance of York County.

Dear Dot:

My partner and I have been living together for three years. She thinks we need to keep our finances completely separated, so we have three checking accounts: hers, mine and ours. I think that her need to keep finances separate is an indication that she is not entirely committed to the relationship. Separate finances make it easier to disengage—sort of like a prenuptial agreement. This is the primary area of disagreement in our otherwise happy relationship. She has agreed to consider whatever advice you give us. I'm hoping you'll see it my way!

Frustrated in the Banking Department

Dear Frustrated:

I've seen a variety of financial arrangements work well for different couples. I would caution you, though, about attaching such emotional significance to financial arrangements. This can prevent clear thinking about both. Discord over finances can reflect discomfort about other areas and requires careful attention, often with a skilled mediator. If that's your situation, consider counseling for the emotional issues and competent, independent financial advice for the fiscal issues.

Some studies indicate that almost 80% of GLBTQ couples follow the traditional practice of merging all finances, making joint decisions about what amount to set aside, if any, for personal discretionary allowances, household expenses, debts, vacations, etc. Some GLBTQ couples prefer this model as a way of symbolizing their "normalcy" or seeing it as legitimating their status as a "real" couple.

Others do as you and your partner are doing: there's a jointly-owned household account and two independently-owned personal checking/savings accounts for individual expenses. Many couples split the joint expenses 50/50. Others pro-rate their expenses based on each partner's income. The partner earning $1,000 each month pays a share that is twice as much as the share of the partner who is earning only $500. The challenge with both models is to live within your means—without depleting the income of the partner earning less and while meeting each person's needs and some of each person's wants..

Most financial planners recommend prenuptial agreements for everyone, no matter their income levels or sexual orientation. Relationships that truly last "until death do us part" are in the minority in all types of unions.

The important thing is to talk about financial decision-making BEFORE getting significantly involved with a partner and certainly PRIOR to sharing a home. The goal is to come to a clear understanding about finances for YOUR relationship, without regard for what is considered "normal" by others. I'd suggest using other yardsticks to measure your partner's level of commitment. Make the financial decisions with a head that's thinking clearly and not with a heart that's seeking emotional security. Best wishes!

Dot Everhart is a licensed social worker and life coach practicing in central PA. Contact her at: doteverhart@yahoo.com or 717-991-3539. Send your "Dear Dot" questions to her email.

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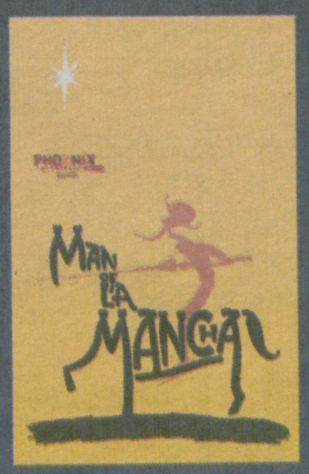

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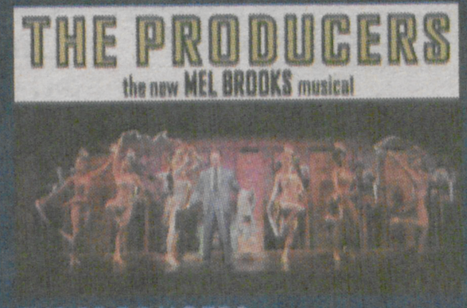

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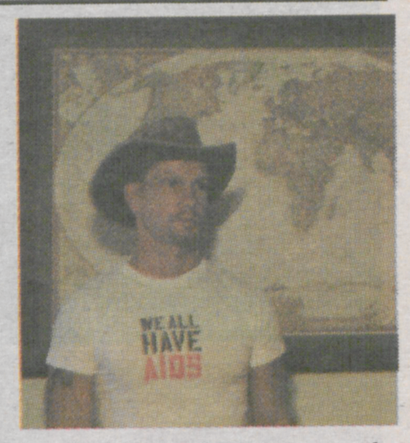

By Derek J. Cordier, Esquire

Since I began my practice, I have been donating 5% of my profits to AMFAR the American Foundation for AIDS research. If you are not familiar with AMFAR, Elizabeth Taylor was the first Chairperson and is now the International Chairperson and Sharon Stone is the United States Chairperson. AMFAR is committed to finding a cure through research grants, finding better medicines to combat the disease, information dissemination, and helping to form public policy.

I have been donating to AMFAR because I had a best friend who died of AIDS in the late 1990s and another friend that died a few years later. I witnessed first hand my best friend's journey to death. Towards the end he had to move in with his widowed and aged mother who cared for him until he died. He could not even make it to the bathroom without her help. Today, many of my closest friends are miraculously living with HIV and AIDS.

Now, in the United States with all the charitable organizations, such as the Ryan White foundation, and the Ryan White Act, even those who cannot afford the miraculous drugs get them. However, there is the rest of the world.

For instance, in Africa 6500 people die of AIDS every day or 2,272,500 people a year! Just think of this statistic, if no one in Pennsylvania was born or died of anything but AIDS, every person in Pennsylvania would be wiped out in less than six years!

AMFAR is committed to research and education throughout the world and that is the main reason why I have been in support of them over the years. Without better medicines and hopefully a cure, millions more will die a horrible death. Millions of African children are parentless because of the disease. Although it is thought that the disease has been around since the 1930s, only after its discovery in the early 1980s has anything been done to look for a cure. After 25 years almost 25 million people have died from the disease and 65 million have become infected.

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Dragging for Dollars – Doggie Style

By K.Leigh Wisotzkey

This year's doggie drag show, quite honestly, "dragged" on a bit with wordy descriptions of shelter dogs, but that didn't keep the fur from flying when dragsters, tricksters, and the just plain adorable paraded under a shower of dollar bills to raise $768.00 for the homeless shelter animals of the Humane Society of Harrisburg Area.

For the third year in a row, the Pink Lizard hosted the Dollars for Divas Doggie Drag Show - the only event of its kind in Central PA. The show has become an annual event for dogs and their owners to compete for titles and prizes, with ample opportunity for the audience to participate and influence the panel of judges.

On February 26th, 15 contestants made their way to the stage to strut their stuff before the judging panel – a sign that Harrisburg may be embracing diversity – even in the dog world. But the true test will be next year – will there actually be contestants in all five categories? (Can you believe there were no contestants for "Most Colorful?!")

The 2006 Title-holders:

Diva Doggie Extreme – Blue (Finkie)

Butch Bitch Supreme - Sadie

Darling Duo – Kim and Layla (Private Bone Digger)

Most Talented – Pepita (Pepe the Army Brat)

In addition to the competition, shelter residents donned bright colors and a little "bling-bling," escorted by their volunteer companions for the Rainbow Parade. Dogs like "Sapphire" (aka Roxie) dressed to impress in her royal blue and silver collar, trying to catch the eye of potential adopters. Sadly, though, for Roxie and her shelter-mates, mingling was minimal, and no dogs were adopted from this year's event.

For those who remember the first show, the highlight may have been seeing Mugzy and his owner dressed in matching football jerseys – a favorite Pink Lizard/Doggie Drag success story. (Mugzy, an English Bulldog, made his drag debut as a shelter resident two years ago, and "met his match" at that show.) For others, the most memorable contestants may have been seven-year-old Gianna and her teacup poodle, Pearl, vying for the "Diva" title. Regardless of the most popular contestants, and their ability to rake in the bucks, though, it's good to see Central PA stepping up to support the art of drag – doggie style!

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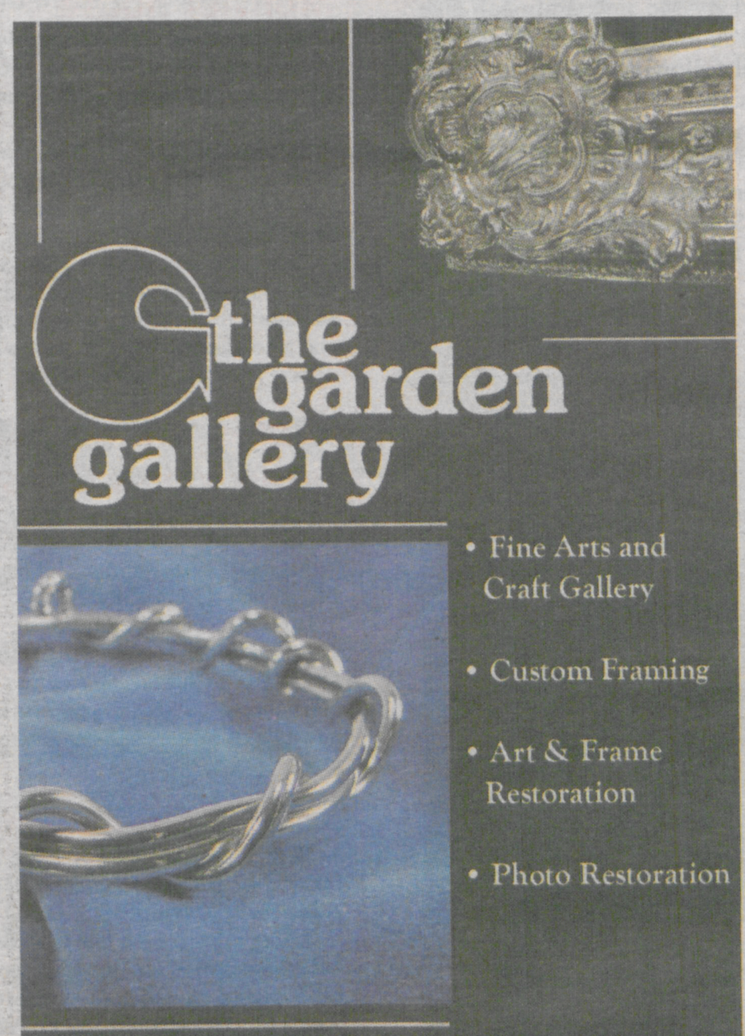

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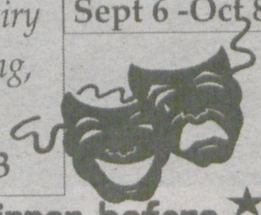
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Katrina Families continued

host families for the group. On the way there, the volunteers stayed with their host families coordinated by the Roanoke, VA MCC. Arriving in Roanoke at 1 a.m., they were housed and fed. "We were treated like family," recounts Kelly, calling into question the oft made objection to gay civil rights because some fear such rights will destroy families.

Upon arrival, the group connected with Joe and Julie Thompson, New Orleans PFLAG officials. Parents and friends of Gays and Lesbians are a national organization with "family-like" chapters virtually everywhere. At the Thompson's home, the group felt the unconditional love offered to them by grateful recipients of their kindness. Luckily, the Thompson's' home was not totally destroyed. They had made many necessary repairs several months ago. Consequently, their repaired home served as base station for "Eva's Eleven," as the volunteer group became known.

Several volunteers afterward drew parallels with 9/11: deep loss of life, a sense of hopelessness and fear, and the relentless human desire to rebuild. These men and women all felt the impact of 9/11 and Katrina. Mouzon said of 9/11, "I lost friends that day and I wanted to do something to help, but I couldn't." Having strong ties to New York City, 9/11 became a part of her history. She willingly joined the Katrina volunteer group and has already made plans to return this summer.

The group remove debris and mold from the homes of three families. They built a fence for another family. "FEMA is just a band aid," one volunteer says.

"Hundreds of volunteers are needed to get the job done." In fact many Katrina victims are angry with FEMA, often wearing tee shirts that read "FEMA- the other F word."

One Katrina couple, Mike and Chad, had their home hit was especially hard hit. They were experienced devastated. Yet Mike helped the group dry wall. Chad prepared food for the workers. O'Diam felt this was "a way for the couple to give something back for the help they were receiving". Another recipient, Janalyn, was deeply moved by the unconditional love offered by these complete strangers. Her "Thank you" email following the groups' visit reflected her gratitude.

According to Brickley, "The ninth ward is a barren land, I could feel an overwhelming sense of loss and I am not sure if this area will ever again be rebuilt." Stetler, a nurse, and her 14-year-old daughter Ruth both agree, "You saw

pieces of lives everywhere - clothing, toys. Door wreaths indicated a person died there. Compelling, very compelling."

Signs were spray painted on building walls indicating the number of dead people found there, the number of dead animals found, the date found and by what search group. During the group's visit, two more bodies were found, making the loss of life and unresolved grief real one year later.

If you or your group is interested in learning about the Katrina clean up or in having O'Diam make a power point presentation, call 717-236-7387.

CINEMA CENTER

John Tucker Must Die

FOX - Release Date July 28, 2006 - PG13

Starring: Jesse Metcalfe, Brittany Snow, Ashanti Douglas and Sophia Bush Director: Betty Thomas

In this comedy movie, three of the most popular girls from different groups realize that they have all been dating the same boy, they get over their differences and use the new girl in town to help get revenge. Even though almost everyone finds John Tucker flawless, the girls find a way to break his heart and ruin his reputation. This movie is cleverly written and goes to show that revenge is oh so sweet.

Lady In The Water

Warner Brothers - Release Date July 21, 2006 - PG13

Casting, Paul Giamatti and Bryce Dallas Howard. Director, M. Night Shyamalan (The Sixth Sense, Signs, The Village)

In, Lady in the water, a building manager named Cleveland Heep rescues a mysterious woman from danger. After doing this, he discovers that she is a narf, or a character from a bedtime story that is trying to get from our world back to hers. Cleveland and his friends soon start to uncover facts that lead them to believe they are characters in this real-life fable too. Cleveland falls deeply in love with the woman that he rescued and works together with his friends to protect the fragile narf from the deadly creatures in the bedtime story that are determined to stop her from returning home. In this suspenseful movie, time is running out for a happy ending.

Monster House

Sony Pictures, Release Date July 21, 2006 - PG

Voice cast: Steve Buscemi, Nick Cannon, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Kevin James & Jason Lee Director: Gil Kenan

Steven Spielberg lends a hand as an executive producer, in this exciting and hilarious thrill- ride tale. A boy lives across from an old abandoned home that nobody enters, except in games of truth-or-dare. One day, the boy gets curious and wonders what's wrong with the house. This takes him and two of his friends on the adventure of their lives as they fight against the house that threatens anyone who dares to enter it. At the end of this film you will be sure to say, "There goes the neighborhood"!

Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest

Buena Vista, Realease Date July 7, 2006 - Rated PG13

All star cast returns: Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom and Kieera Knightly.

Director: Gore Verbinski

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Snakes On A Plane

New Line Cinemas, Release Date August 18, 2006 Not yet rated. Starring: Samuel L. Jackson, Adam Behr, David Koechner and Nathan Phillips

Trying to search for a better title but finding none better to describe the film, this movie is sure to generate plenty of talk and interest. In this thriller, Samuel L. Jackson plays an FBI agent who is taking a witness on a flight from Hawaii to Los Angeles. Everything is going fine until a man releases hundreds of deadly snakes on the airplane, to try to kill the witness. The FBI agent, the witness, the crew, and the terrified passengers must join together in a desperate fight to survive.

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Music Review

Stallion's DJ Barry Turns Beat Around

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Nikki Harris – Madonna Back up Singer

Nikki Harris will be live in Harrisburg at PrideFest 2006, July 29. So who is she? She could be famous for being one of Madonna's back up singers for several years. She could also be famous for replacing the lead female singer of the music group Snap in the early 90's. Today Niki has her own dance club hit's such as "Let Me Hear The Music" and "True Love". Check Niki Harris out as she sings all her hits at this year's PrideFest.

Rihanna

What's hot on radio is hot in the dance clubs. This is the year for women to shine. Most of the huge songs we hear are sung by females. There's a race to see how many hits Rihanna and the Pussycat Dolls can put out. Rihanna tones it down a bit with the new single "Unfaithful," the piano driven ballad allows her to show off her vocal talents without the club beat that most of her other hits had. The Pussycat Dolls add the song "Buttons" to their list of hits. This song features the legendary rapper Snoop Dogg lending his vocals to the track. It also lacks the beat and cheery lyrics that their songs have had before.

Christina Milan

Christina Milan is back with the new song "Say I". With the help of rapper Young Jeezy, Christina has a song with a little more of an edge to it then her previous pop songs. Missy Elliott comes crashing back with the huge hit "We Run This". There are a few different versions of

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2) Your surviving partner may end up with nothing and may even have to go to court to prove ownership of property that was rightfully theirs.

3) If you die without a Will and have minor children, a court may appoint a guardian, which may not be the person you hoped to raise them.

4) Even if your estate is small, a Will is important. If you die in an accident as a result of negligence, the persons named in your Will could benefit from an award or settlement.

5) As for funeral arrangements, if you do not give specific instructions, your partner will not have any legal right to carry out your wishes and could even be barred from the funeral services. Funeral arrangements made in advance will add weight to your wishes. See my website for further information.

6) Without a Will, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania decides who administers your Estate.

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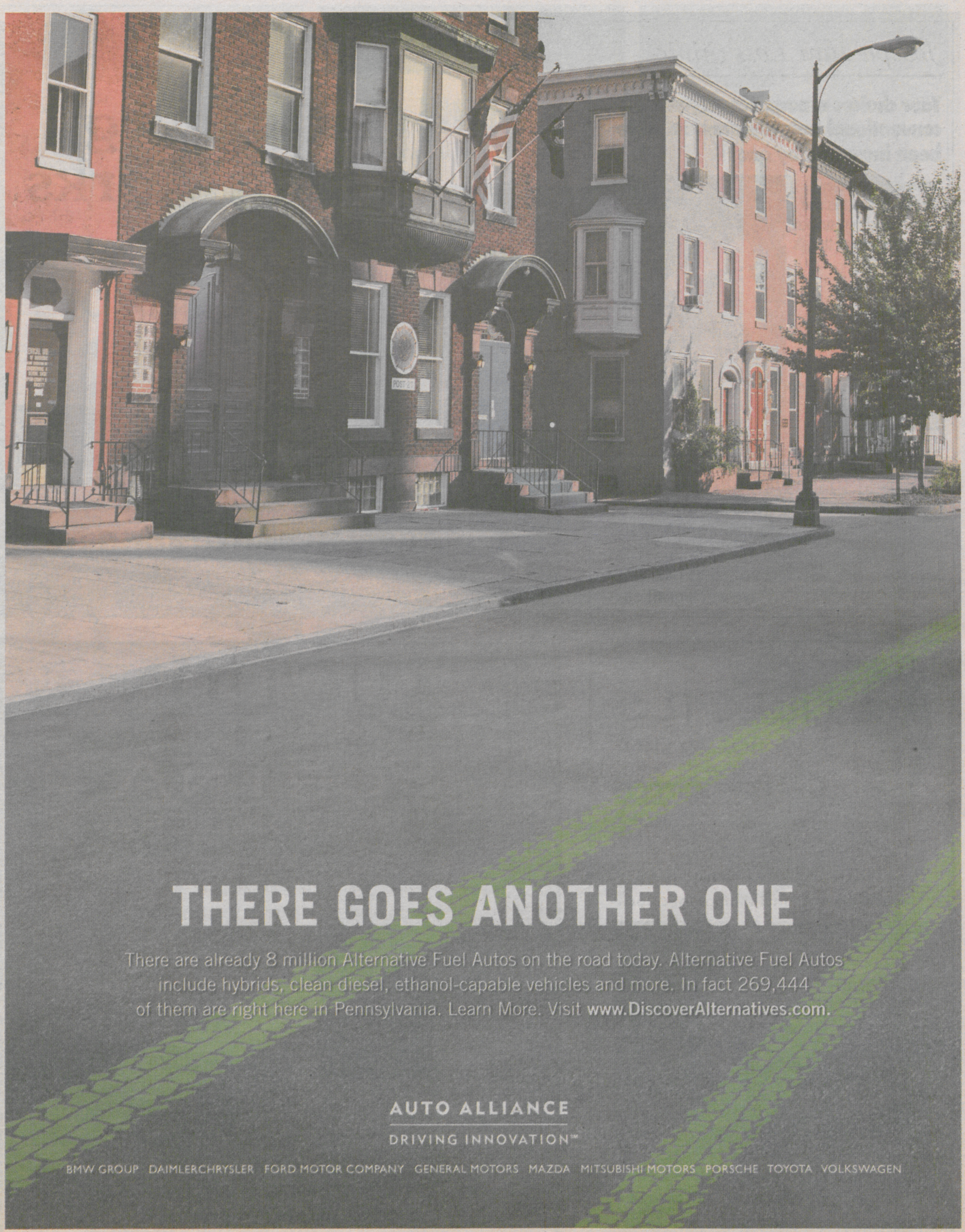

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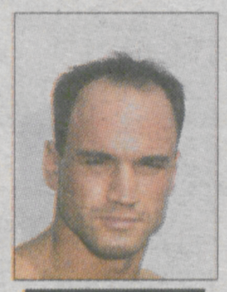

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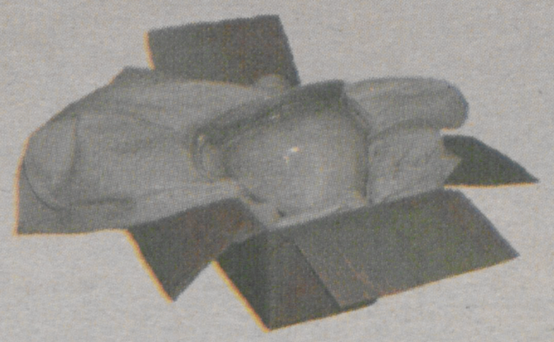

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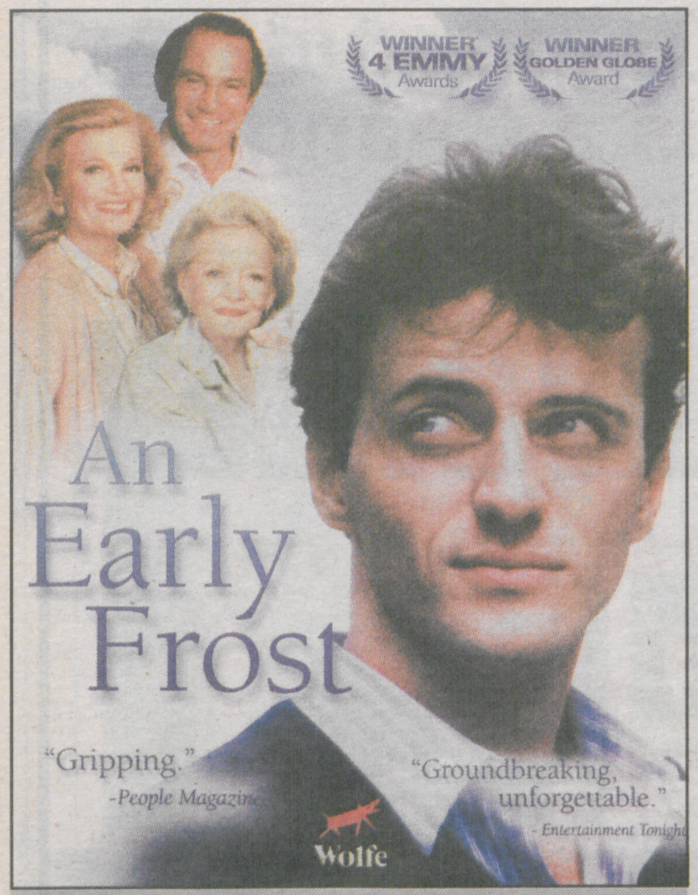

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Alternative Central talked with John Glover, Aidan Quinn's hospital roomie in AIDS history-making "An Early Frost". "I'm doing Terrance McNally's new play "Some Men," Glover says from Phila., before McNally's play about gay men 1925 to 2005 heads to Broadway. Glover is returning for his sixth TV season to "Smallville". A Towson University grad won his Tony for McNally's "Love! Valour! Compassion!" Notable films: Annie Hall, Batman & Robin, Gremlins 2, White Nights, The Incredible Shrinking Woman. Glover's partner is sculptor Adam Kurtzman.

METH, THE MOVIE

Meth, The Movie, 79-mins. (www.methmovie.com), by Todd Ahlberg, is a documentary on the rising wave of crystal methamphetamine use by gay men. It begins as an ecstatic, mind-blowing thrill ride where one finds himself on top of the world with feelings of superhuman power and collegial connectivity. As crystal's power takes hold, however, it begins to call the shots, and the fun takes a turn for darkness. Ahlberg also completed "Hooked," an exploration of "online cruising" screened at over 40 film festivals worldwide and acquired for distribution by MTV Networks' LOGO. Babalu Pictures, www.babalupictures.com

SOME PREFER CAKE

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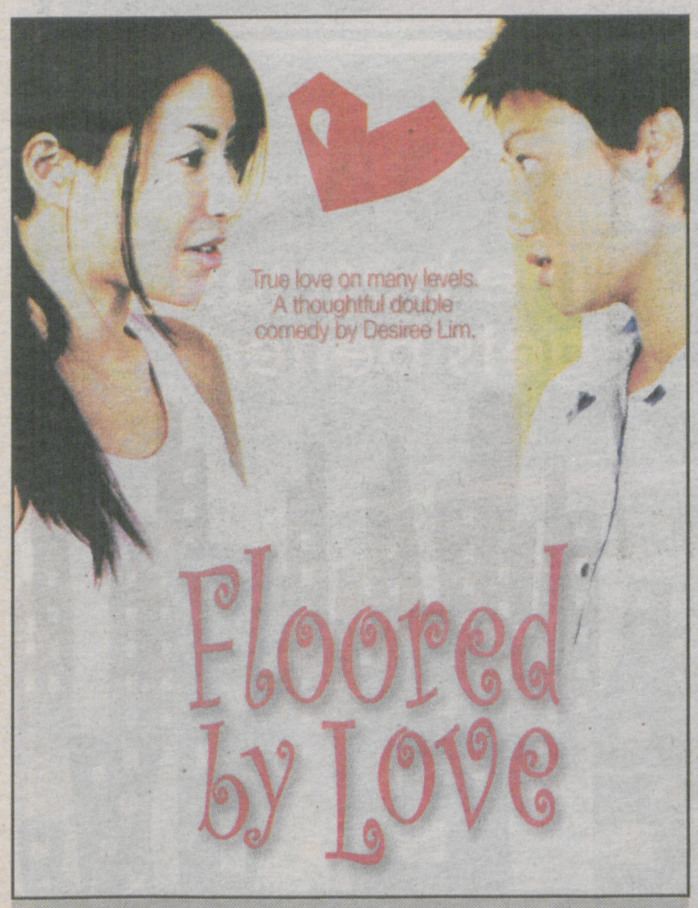
Fast-paced SF comedy follows best friends Kira (the lovely Kathleen Fontaine) and Sydney (Tara Howley) along intertwining paths of sex, food and relationships. Kira aspires to be a great comedian but her stage fright makes for some disastrous open mike comedy outings. Meanwhile, her sister's (Mimi Gonzalez) comedy career is taking off, thanks mainly to the material that Kira writes for her. Kira attempts to overshadow her inadequacies by sleeping with as many willing female partners as possible. And then everything backfires.



FLOORED BY LOVE

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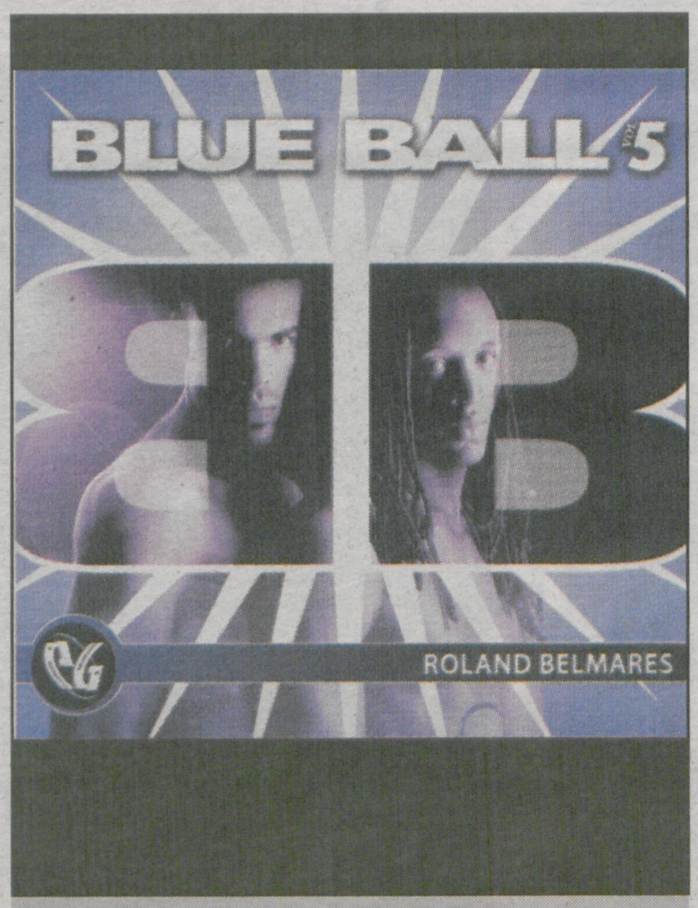
While Cara (Shirley Ng) grapples with Janet's (Natalie Sky) marriage proposal and a surprise visit from her conservative Chinese parents; newly out mixed-race teen Jesse (heart-throb Trenton Millar) deals with his terrifically supportive Mom and step-Dad and the sudden return of his fly-by-night gay birth Dad (Andrew McIlroy). With its uplifting portrayal of multicultural family lives, Desiree Lim's Floored By Love is a refreshing, positive film that is charming audiences everywhere. Amidst the setting of two multicultural families, the characters navigate through different layers of universal love for their life partners, children and parents, each on their own, finally to discover their lives are not so far apart.



BLUE BALL 5 – DJ ROLAND BELMARES

EDGEBoston.com: Is circuit coming back into style? Is circuit the new black? Belmares makes a case that circuit can be colored blue, as in Party Groove: Blue Ball 5, but circuit will have to wait a bit longer for its Tom Ford reinvention. Makes sense that Roland Belmares can layer a true circuit sound. He worked his way up until he was spinning Ben Parsley parties like Meltdown and Perfect Day. Belmares has since spun myriad parties, from Winter Party to Alegria, but he's always stayed pretty true to a classic progressive and diva-infused house combination. With Junior Vasquez and Tracy Young espousing the joys of happy dance music after a much darker musical period, Belmares is a perfect candidate to bring the happier circuit trend to a new level.

GLOBAL GROOVE – DJ DAVID KNAPP

GayWired.com: Knapp heats up the house with his 4th mix for Centaur Music's Global Groove series. released to coincide with his appearance alongside fellow DJ Kimberly S on the 2006 Global Groove Tour. The tour runs through July in 30 cities in 6 countries. Knapp draws from a deep pool of award winning artists, producers and remixers on this Global Groove offering, incorporating favorite #1 hits from dance icons Goldfrapp, Carl Cox and Kim English along with a few fresh new gems from the likes of Ralphi Rosario, Dolce and Jason & DeMarco. The CD kicks off with in a trancelike groove with the Mark Knight and Matijn Ten Velden Remix of "6PM" from Kings of Tomorrow – a worthy beginning to an album that could keep you grinding from 6PM to 6AM with only the need to hit repeat a few times.

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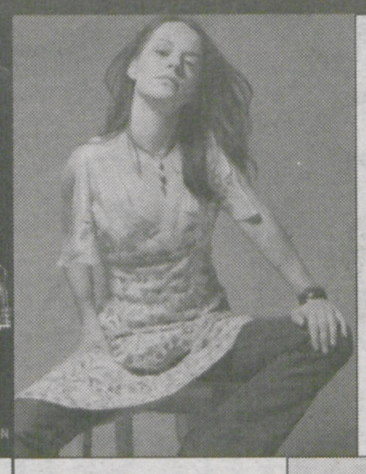

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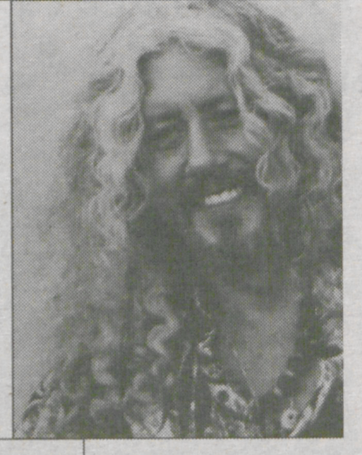

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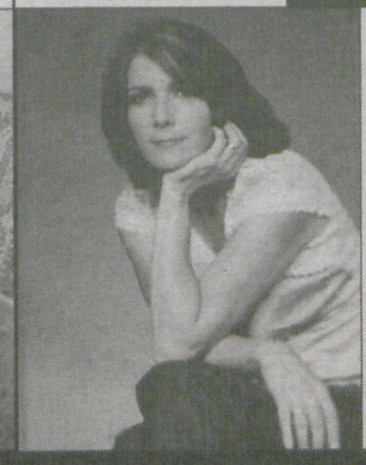

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First Alternative Dining Site Launched by Local Entrepreneur

Skilletmenus.com, the first "independent dining" website that connects diners with independent restaurants, was recently launched in the mid-state area by local entrepreneur Paul David.

Its mission, to promote local eateries rather than big chains, is summed up in the company slogan: Dine Indie™. The Dine Indie movement grows out of the belief that the human element is positively essential to the dining experience. From a humble taco to a lavish meal, the philosophy behind dining indie is that food just tastes better when you get it from someone with a stake in its preparation.

Skilletmenus.com was created in 2005 by web designer Paul David after he and his friends were frustrated by the difficulty of finding interesting, tasty, food away from their home turf. Not wanting to be sentenced to a life of Applebob's or T.G.I. Tuesdays, David was inspired to create a site that features independent restaurants and local favorites so diners don't have to resort to chain restaurants when dining out, filling an important void for restaurant owners and diners alike.

Skilletmenus.com currently serves the Harrisburg/Midstate area, Berks County and Philadelphia. It is designed to grow and expand to towns and cities across the U.S. and beyond. Around Harrisburg, the distinctive "Find our Menu at Skilletmenus.com" decals can be found on doors along 2nd Street's "restaurant row" and in more and more places around town and on the West Shore. Local listings include: Pho Vietnam, Bangkok 56, Mangia Qui, Suba, Zia's, Red Door Wine Bar, Da Pits, Bob's Bagels, Zephyr Express, The Fire House, Sahara, Caffeine Connection, Ceoltas, Miyako Sushi, Masa Japanese, Subway Café, Cornerstone Coffeehouse, Nino's Bistro, Sophia's Café on Market, Cedars Restaurant, McGrath's Pub and Restaurant, 2nd Street Pizza, The Spot, Jackson House, The Pizza Grille, Brewhouse Grill, Ciao Pizzeria, Mercado's Pizza, New 2nd Wok, Best Wok, Citadel, Midtown Tavern, Passage to India, and Tres Hermanos Taqueria. Skillet Menus also lists Broad Street Market eateries Curry in a Hurry, Bangkok Kitchen, Capital Box Lunch, Nonna's Deli-Sioso, Beiler's Poultry and Tep's Fresh Seafood.

Skilletmenus.com is user-friendly for both diners and restaurateurs. People looking for a place to eat, or to check out what's new at their favorite restaurant, can log on to the Skilletmenus.com homepage and search by restaurant name or zip code. The advanced search allows searches by other variables including town name, cuisine type, region, and price. The site is stylish, simple and informative, with bold graphic icons answering crucial questions such as: are they open on Sundays? do they serve alcohol? and are they family friendly?

Restaurateur members are given a username and password, allowing them to manage their own site and to update menus, photos and other information. This feature means that the information on the site stays current and fresh, distinguishing Skilletmenus.com from other dining-out sites that are frequently cluttered with outdated information, fast food listings and uninspired graphics.

And, Skilletmenus.com is designed to serve the needs of a broad spectrum of restaurants. Small, "mom and pop" (or "mom and mom" or "pop and pop") establishments with lots of character but little money to advertise can get a hip and inexpensive mini-web site for $10/month or $100/year. Each restaurant listing on Skilletmenus.com includes two photos, a blurb description and a downloadable menu. Each listing provides a valuable web presence, giving restaurants their own web address, searchable on sites using Google or other internet search engines. Featuring menus online also saves takeout restaurants the

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this song floating around out there, the best mix samples the old tune "Apache" by the Sugar Hill Gang. All the ingredients of this song make it another hit for Missy Elliott.

New songs to keep an ear out for:

Madison Park

The group Madison Park is making a big splash into the club scene. Their first release in the states was a cover of the 10,000 Maniacs song "More Than This", the new single "I'm Listening" and is a treat for the ears. The song has a bouncy club mix, thanks to remixer Lenny B. There is a lot of great keyboard work and strong vocal arrangements in this song.

Natasha Bedingfield

A new favorite song of mine is "The One That Got Away" by Natasha Bedingfield, the sister to Daniel Bedingfield has already out numbered her bother in hits. Hearing this song on the radio might not make you think much, but check out the dance mix of the song by Wandue Project. The dance mix comes off with a tough vocal workout that works in some soulful keys to a very progressive bass line. The song becomes fun and makes you want to sing along with the flowing chorus.

What's Up with Madonna?

The story on Madonna. Someone tell me please! Madonna has never been a big favorite of mine but she has always made the dance clubs come alive when you hear one of her songs. The new cd featuring the big hit "Hung Up" was released and we heard it everywhere from radio to the dance clubs. It was a great upbeat dance song to hear on the radio unlike most of the crap we hear from day to day. The next single "Sorry" was released and nothing happened. The clubs and mostly the gay clubs, I might add, made it a second hit for her. If the song was played on radio it was very short lived.

Now Madge is pushing out the singles "I Love New York" and "Get Together". You might be lucky enough to hear these songs for a short period in dance clubs but they probably will not make it to the radio either. What has happened to radio? What has happened to Madonna and her fan base? Is she too old to be doing upbeat dance music? What should she be doing instead then? Is it because the "In" music is hip hop for the moment? Even myself, of all people, think that this is one of her best cd's in many years. Even with all the new performers coming out none of them will ever make the impact in the music world that Madonna has made.

Stonewall Dem. continued

their endorsement of Bob Casey for US Senate who is running against anti-gay, far-right incumbent Senator Rick Santorum. The New York Blade article is available at: www.nyblade.com/2006/5-22/news/localnews/santorum.cfm. The Lancaster Sunday News also noted the group's Casey endorsement. Caset won 85 percent of the vote in the primary and has led Santorum in every poll. "Probably helps that Santorum foolishly reminded everyone recently that he doesn't live in Pennsylvania anymore," points out CRSD co-chair Ben Turner. See www.santorumexposed.com)

More information on Casey is available at www.capitalstonewall.org/primary2006.html

Carlisle Against Discrimination

Endorsed by CRSD for re-election in 2005, Carlisle Councilman Tim Scott is helping lead the drive for including sexual orientation in Carlisle's non-discrimination ordinance. Carlisle is a borough of 10,000 people in Cumberland County. Interested readers may sign up for Scott's e-mail updates at www.timothyscott.org. (Look for the "Join Tim's Mailing List" button on the left side.)

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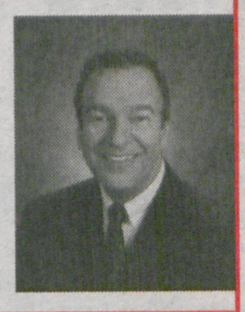

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iTunes: Born Again Virgin

Bad Boy Noa Tylo's Music Banned

Out-artist Noa Tylo, recently on the cover of Chicago's Boi Magazine, was a rising pop artist in South Africa. Until his music video was banned for lewd sexual content. Christian groups objected. The video depicted a three-way between two guys and a girl.

AC says: Not all apartheid is over. But you know what AC thinks about religious zealots who are not satisfied with defining only their own belief system. When they think they know better than everybody else about everything, always, we think that's a manifestation of narcissism and potentially a form of mental illness, not to mention poor

respect for boundaries. Not a good example for children.

Eventually the marketplace wins. Tylo is bringing his music to the US. His debut album, Born Again Virgin, launches on iTunes this month. iTunes is a "direct to market" venue for musicians. "I'm so excited about the new album," Tylo says. He thinks there's a big gap in the music scene. "We need more good pop and dance."

What about this 3-way thing? "I think attraction is based on energy, not the sex of the person," Tylo ventures. Sex and sexuality is a "normal human emotion" he points out. "Who you want to express it with can change or move around."

Although he's never used it himself, Tylo is dismayed at the levels of crystal meth use in the club scene. "Drugs kill an artist's craft," he laments. For him performing is natural. "I don't need any Mommie's Little Helpers to perform," he laughs.

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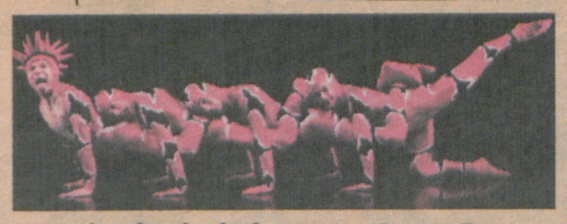

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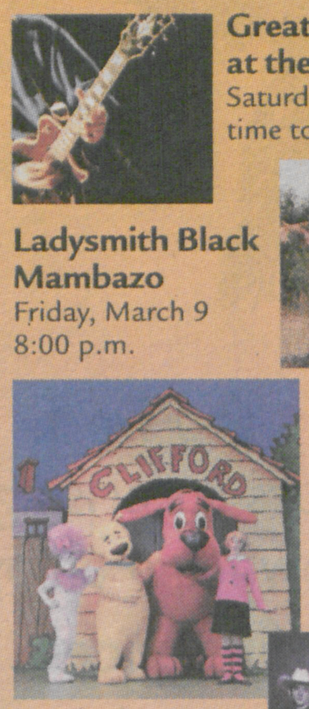

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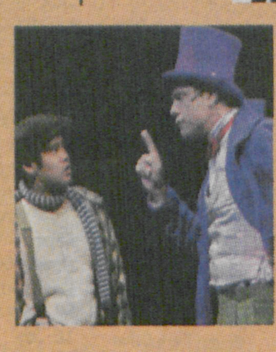

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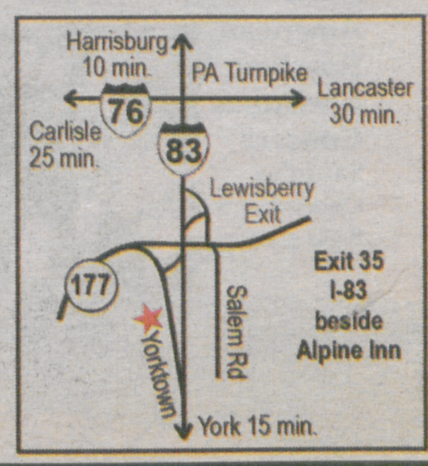

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Unless the law is changed, the federal estate tax applicable exclusion amount will be reduced to $1 million in 2011. This could force a surviving partner to sell a home or other assets in order to pay off the tax burden to the IRS, within 9 months of a partner's death. Tax efficient products like life insurance can be used to help pay estate taxes. There are ways to structure ownership and beneficiary arrangements to reduce estate taxation.

Retirement:

Many GLTB couples are under the illusion that our current savings will adequately meet our retirement needs. Oftentimes the loss of pension plans and social security survivorship benefits are not factored into what we need to save. Even in states that recognize marriage to gay and lesbian couples, many traditional employer pension plans do not allow for survivor benefits to domestic partners. The money that your partner receives could be completely gone upon his or her death. Working with a financial professional, strategies can be put in place to help maximize contributions to employer sponsored plans and Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs). These strategies can help sustain incomes for today's longer retirement lifespans. Also, the use of Roth IRAs in your retirement asset accumulation planning can offer an additional resource for tax efficiency, for both living and death benefits.

Asset Preservation:

For married heterosexuals, if a spouse is in a nursing home and applies for Medicaid, the healthy spouse can remain in the house if jointly owned. However, for domestic partners, a healthy partner cannot remain in a jointly owned home unless the remaining partner buys out the ill partner's share of the home. Medicaid treats the home as an asset that must be "spent down" before coverage begins. In many instances, you may be eligible for food stamps before becoming eligible for Medicaid. Also, 80% of gay and lesbian households do not have children, who are traditionally the key provider of long-term care (Gay Penalties of Aging Looks to Long Term Care Insurance, Frits Abell, April 3, 2001). For those who are single, nearly one-third will exhaust their assets after 13 weeks in a nursing home (Gay Penalties of Aging Looks to Long Term Care Insurance, Frits Abell, April 3, 2001.) This is why long-term care insurance should be evaluated when preparing for our later years.

Seeking Professional Assistance:

Here are some helpful hints on what to look for when interviewing a financial professional: Seek an individual sensitive to and educated about our needs. Also, consider doing business with companies that support our causes such as the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLADD), which promotes fair and inclusive representation of the gay community in all media to help eliminate discrimination. Look for companies that offer spousal discounts for domestic partners, not only married couples. Also seek companies that offer domestic partner benefits for their employees.

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Book Review: Summer Cruising

Palari Books announces its latest book in a line of quality gay fiction titles. Renowned author Dave Benbow's newest beach read, SUMMER CRUISING.

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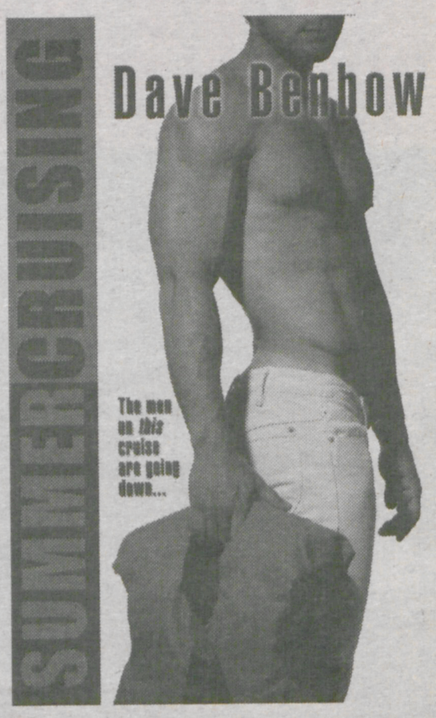
According to the author Dave Benbow, "Gay cruises are becoming more and more popular and extravagant, so it makes the perfect setting for a great summer book full of romance, mystery, and of course, plenty of hot sex as well!" Benbow notes that with the current highly publicized cases of passengers mysteriously missing from mainstream cruises splashed all over the media, and the theatrical remake of The Poseidon Adventure, scheduled for release in early summer, interest in cruising continues to grow. "I wanted to mix that sort of mystery up with the excitement and danger of a disaster at sea," he says. "It's just such a fun read." Well-known writer and performer Bruce Vilanch agrees, "Dave Benbow's SUMMER CRUISING is ready to fire across your bow! It's the gay Poseidon and Titanic, and it stays afloat way longer than either of those girls!"

In the book,Benbow continues the story lines of several characters from his successful previous novels published by Kensington, MALE MODEL and DAYTIME DRAMA. www.palaribooks.com or davebenbow.com.



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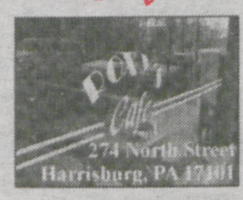
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